



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MARK B. “MO” ALSID

Colonel Mark B. Alsid is the Commander of the Air Force Special Operations Training Center located at Hurlburt Field, Florida. The center was established in 2008 to be the commands focal point to recruit, assess, select and train the next generation of Air Commandos. The Training Center is specifically tasked with the training and education of PC-12, U-28, AC-130H/U, MC-130W, MQ-1/9, Q-200, and M-28 aircrew. Additionally, the Training Center is responsible for the training and education of Special Tactics Battlefield Airman and Combat Aviation Advisors. With an annual budget of \$53 million, the school utilizes state of the art simulators, cutting edge curriculum and world class instructors to meet AFSOC's training needs. He was previously the Vice Commander, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



Colonel Alsid graduated from Central Washington University in 1982 earning his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He has participated in Operations UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, PROVIDE PROMISE, NOBLE ANVIL, ALLIED FORCE, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. He has served as Director of Operations at the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force, Stabilization Force (SFOR) in Sarajevo, Bosnia, and as Director, Joint Operations Center in San Vito, Italy, supporting the air war over Serbia during Operation ALLIED FORCE. He led combat air operations and missions during both Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) in Afghanistan, and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF). Colonel Alsid has served as Chief of Long Range Strategy, Headquarters, Air Force Special Operations Command, Director of JCS Exercises and Training for the Headquarters, Special Operations Command Europe. Additionally, he has served as Chief of Safety for the 352d Special Operations Group, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom followed by director of operations and commander of the 7th Special Operations Squadron. Most recently, Colonel Alsid served as commander, Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component for OIF and OEF in Balad, Iraq and as Commander, 1st Special Operations Group at Hurlburt Field, Florida.

Colonel Alsid is married to the former Tracey Blank of Gig Harbor, WA. Their children are Brett, 19, and Scott, 16.

EDUCATION:

1982	Bachelor of Arts in Business, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Wash.
1986	Squadron Officer School, correspondence
1989	Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
1994	Masters of Science in Management, Troy State University, Troy, Ala.
1995	Air Command and Staff College, correspondence
1997	Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
1998	Armed Forces Staff College, National Defense University, Norfolk, Va.
2000	Air War College, correspondence
2005	Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. April 1983 – December 1983, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather AFB, Calif.
2. January 1984 – June 1987, C-130E Navigator, 36th Tactical Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.
3. July 1987 – July 1988, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Williams AFB, Ariz.

4. September 1988 – August 1989, C-130E Pilot, 21st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines
5. September 1989 – December 1991, MC-130E Pilot, 1st Special Operations Squadron, Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines
6. January 1992 – June 1993, MC-130E Instructor Pilot, 8th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
7. July 1993 -- January 1994, MC-130E Pilot Course Manager, Central Training Flight (CTF), 16th Operations Group, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
8. February 1994 – January 1995, MC-130E Evaluator Pilot, Flight Commander, 8th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
9. February 1995 – June 1996, Chief, Long Range Strategy, Headquarters, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
10. July 1996 – June 1997, Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
11. July 1997 – August 1999, Deputy Director of Plans, Plans and Policy Directorate (J5), and Chief, Theater JCS Exercises, Operations Directorate (J3), Headquarters, Special Operations Command Europe, Patch Barracks, Vaihingen, Germany
12. September 1999 – January 2001, Assistant Director of Operations, 7th Special Operations Squadron and Chief of Safety, 352d Special Operations Group, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
13. February 2001 – July 2002, Director of Operations, 7th Special Operations Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
14. July 2002 – May 2004, Commander, 7th Special Operations Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
15. June 2004 – June 2005, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
16. July 2005 – November 2006, Commander, 16th Operations Group, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
17. November 2006 – July 2007, Commander, 1st Special Operations Group, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
18. August 2007 – August 2009, Vice Commander, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
19. August 2009 – Present, Commander, Air Force Special Operations Training Center, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: Over 4,900 (455 combat)

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-130E/H, MC-130E/H/W, AN-26, MQ-1

DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Valor device

Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster

Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters

Joint Commendation Medal

Air Force Combat Action Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF RANK:

Second Lieutenant: April 1983

First Lieutenant: April 1985

Captain: April 1987

Major: January 1995

Lieutenant Colonel: August 1999

Colonel: July 2005

(Current as of September 2009)